# Exam Graph Theory (191520751) <br> Tuesday jan 26, 2016, 8.45-11.45 uur 

## All graphs are simple. Motivate your answers.

1. Show that a graph $G$ is bipartite if and only if every subgraph $H$ of $G$ contains an independent set of size $\nu(H) / 2$.
(An independent set is a set of pairwise nonadjacent nodes.)
2. Let $G$ be a connected graph with at least 3 nodes. Show that there are two (different) nodes $x$ and $y$ at distance $d(x, y) \leq 2$ such that $G-\{x, y\}$ is still connected.
(Hint: Consider a spanning tree.)

* 3. Show that the $k$-dim cube graph $Q_{k}$ is $k$-connected.

4. $G$ is a simple 3-regular hamiltonian graph. Show that $\chi^{\prime}(G)=3$.

* 5. Let $G=(V, E)$ be a graph on $n$ vertices.
a) Show: If $M \subseteq E$ is a matching and $S \subseteq V$, then

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|M| \leq \frac{1}{2}(n-o(G-S)+|S|)
$$

(Reminder: $o(G-S)$ is the number of odd components in $G \backslash S$.)
b) In case $G$ is bipartite and $S \subseteq V$ is a vertex cover, what does the above inequality say?
6. Show that a $k$-critical graph contains at least $k$ nodes of degree $\geq k-1$.
7. $G$ is a simple graph on $n$ nodes. Show: $\chi(G) \cdot \chi\left(G^{c}\right) \geq n$. ( $G^{c}$ is the complement of $G$.)

Points (36+4=40):

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